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as possible in the matter of our food requirements. The grow-more-food campaign was accordingly launched by the Agricultural Department in order to give an incentive to the cultivator to try to get the best out of his land. Special bonuses are being granted to every cultivator who puts new land or lands usually left uncultivated, under crops like paddy, ragi, tapioca, vegetables etc. Liberal subsidies for the sinking of new wells for cultivation under irrigation conditions are also being granted. In view to the repercussions of the world-wide famine conditions in the wake of the termination of the war, the campaign has been ordered to be intensified and a lump provision of Rs 8·6 lakhs included in the Agriculture budget for the intensification of the grow-more-food campaign. There is also a provision of Rs 20 lakhs under 'Debt Heads' for the grant of advances to the Agricultural Department for the purchase of seeds, manures, implements, machinery etc. for sale at concessional rates to cultivators in connection with the grow-more-food campaign. Facilities for intensive cultivation in the shape of lift and other irrigation arrangements have also been provided for in the next year's budget.

Having regard to the importance of fish as an important item of consumption, the construction of a Fish curing yard at Cape Comorin on the most up-to-date lines has for some time been under consideration. The Government of India have promised their co-operation with this Government in a large scale development of deep sea fishing. Funds to the extent of Rs 2 lakhs have been provided under Post-War Reconstruction Schemes for fisheries.

11. *Public Health.* The organisation of a special branch of industrial hygiene as an additional bureau of the Public Health Department to deal with the various questions pertaining to the health and welfare of labourers and improved sanitation in industrial establishments is in contemplation and for this purpose it is proposed to depute an officer of the Public Health Department to the United Kingdom for special training in industrial hygiene.

The next year's programme of expenditure includes a scheme for the supply of good drinking water in the villages of the Nanjinad and Kuttanad areas and the coastal regions. A subsidy of Rs 500 is proposed to be given for each well constructed by villagers. There is provision for 200 such wells as a first instalment. It is also proposed to undertake a state-wide nutrition propaganda chiefly emphasising the use of balanced diets suited to different income groups.

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